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SUBJECT: JAPANESE BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS IN THE US

REF: A) TOKYO 4564

B) STATE 56167

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF KUBOTA HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE JAPANESE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WILL SEND A STAFF MEMBER TO SURVEY JAPANESE MATERIALS WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY AND OTHER COLLECTIONS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL RECORDS CENTER. KUBOTA OPINED THE RESEARCHER WOULD ARRIVE DURING JFY 74 AND ASKED FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. DEPT OFFICER ASSURED KUBOTA THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD IN PRINCIPLE PRESENT NO PROBLEM AS THE COLLECTIONS WERE OPEN TO ANY RESEARCHER.

2. THERE WAS ONE EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, WE ASKED KUBOTA WHETHER HIS INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE PREVIOUSLY CLOSED PROSECUTION RECORDS FOR THE WAR CRIME TRIALS. KUBOTA INDICATED THEY DID, AND SENT MAY 23 AN

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AMPLIFYING LETTER REQUESTING ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE MATERIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION (CLASS A)

AND THE PROSECUTION GROUP RECORDS FOR THE CLASS B AND C WAR CRIME TRIALS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER STATED THAT THIS REQUEST WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE JAPANESE RESEARCHER.

3. TO CLARIFY OUR RECORD WITH MATSUURA(REF A), PLS EXPLAIN THAT REF B INACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS CLOSED ALL RPT ALL RECORDS OF THE CLASS B AND C TRAILS. HOWEVER, ONLY THE PROSECUTION GROUP RECORDS OF THE CLASS B AND C TRAILS, LIKE THE PROSECUTION RECORDS (IPS) OF THE CLASS A TRIALS, ARE CLOSED. ALL UNCLASSIFIED TRAIL RECORDS OF THE OCCUPATION TRIBUNALS FROM ALL THREE CLASSES OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS (CLASS A - CRIMES AGAINST THE PEACE, CLASS B - WAR CRIMES AND CLASS C - CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY), INCLUDING RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS, DOCUMENTS RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE AND MATERIALS OFFERED AS EVIDENCE BUT NOT ADMITTED, ARE OPEN FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING BY ANY PERSON.

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